

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed May 23, 2006. Claims 11 and 13-16 are pending in the Application. Applicant amended Claims 11, 14 and 15. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action rejects Claims 11 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,276,901 to Howell et al ("*Howell*"). Claims 13, 14, and 16 are rejected in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Howell* as applied to Claims 11 and 15 above, in view of U.S. Patent 5,765,152 to Erickson ("*Erickson*"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

As amended, Claim 11 now recites a limitation describing the process by which a server, which accesses a requested document, is authenticated. The cited references do not teach or suggest a method of layered defense-in-depth knowledge-based management that includes authenticating a server. Indeed, the Office Action relies on *Erickson* as teaching a method for using a certificate of authority to authenticate a user, however, it fails to teach or suggest authenticating a server. See Office Action, Page 4. Moreover, *Erickson* clearly shows that a process for verifying the authenticity of the user is the only verification process contemplated. See *Erickson*, Col. 21, Lines 32-49; Col. 24, Lines 39-52.

To the contrary, newly amended Claim 11 expressly recites a process that involves verifying the authentication of a server. By not providing a process by which the server can be authenticated, *Erickson* has opened the door for the server to be compromised, thus endangering the authenticity of each document accessed by that server. Therefore, by requiring a valid certificate of authorization in order to authenticate the server, the Applicant has created, in Claim 11, a more advanced and secure defense system than that contemplated by *Erickson*. For at least this reason, Claim 11 is allowable, as are all claims depending therefrom. Claim 15, as amended, is also allowable for analogous reasons, as are all claims depending therefrom. Reconsideration and favorable action is requested.

CONCLUSION

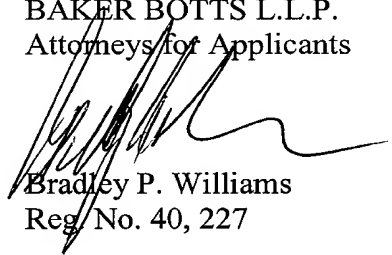
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present Application may be advanced in any way by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 214-953-6447.

Applicant believes no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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